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SUBJECT: FRG-CSSR RELATIONS

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1. AT NOVEMBER 30 BONN GROUP MEETING FRG REP (LUECKING)

PASSED TO ALLIED REPS COPIES OF FONOFF NOTE TO CZECHS

AND OF CZECH RESPONSE (BOTH BEING POUCHED EUR/CE).

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HEART OF CZECH REPLY WAS THAT PRAGUE IS PREPARED, AFTER

THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY ON MUTUAL RELATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, TO SETTLE THE QUESTION OF PROVISION OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE AGREEMENT REACHED ON THIS QUESTION IN MOSCOW (SEE REFTELS).

2. FONOFF REP TOLD BONN GROUP THAT, BASED ON A "HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL DECISION" NOT TO PRESS THE CZECHS FURTHER, AND WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF "WHAT WE HAVE AND WHAT WE DO NOT HAVE," BONN WAS NOW WORKING OUT WITH PRAGUE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLICATION OF THE NOTES EXCHANGED. FONOFF LEGAL EXPERT WILL BE TRAVELING TO PRAGUE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2 TO NAIL DOWN DETAILS OF PUBLICATION AND TO WORK OUT VARIOUS DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL BE SIGNED BY TWO FONMINS AT TIME BRANDT AND HUSAK SIGN TREATY WHICH WAS INITIALED IN JUNE. TARGET DATE FOR BRANDT/SHEEL TRIP TO PRAGUE IS DECEMBER 11-12. LUECKING ADDED THAT MOVEMENT TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA AND HUNGARY WOULD FOLLOW IN RAPID SUCCESSION, ASSUMING NO HITCHES DEVELOP. (THE FRG FONOFF EXPECTS THAT NONE WILL).
COMMENT: FROM CONTACTS TODAY WITH GERMAN PRESS PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FAIRLY FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE "SOLUTION" TO THE FRG-CZECH PROBLEMS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT LIKELY TO GET MANY KUDOS FOR ITS MANAGEMENT OF THIS PHASE OF OSTPOLITIK. MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE JOURNALISTS HAVE RECOGNIZED THE NATURE OF THE GERMAN CONCESSION, AND ALLIES ARE ALSO SURPRISED BY THE GERMAN ABOUT-FACE. ONE FRENCH DIPLOMAT COMMENTED: "THE GERMANS LOST THEIR PANTS."
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